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To: Huber, Patrick [Huber.Patrick@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Text for Jane on Arctic

Perfect. Then we put it on the agenda for the Tuesday meeting. It doesn't change NSAR so those meetings will go on.

On Mar 4, 2022, at 9:19 AM, Huber, Patrick <Huber.Patrick@epa.gov> wrote:

Will do

On Mar 4, 2022, at 9:15 AM, Finman, Hodayah <Finman.Hodayah@epa.gov> wrote:

Mark asked for us to do a weekly on this so please do that instead.

On Mar 4, 2022, at 8:46 AM, Huber, Patrick <Huber.Patrick@epa.gov> wrote:

Hodayah,

The State Department issued a statement yesterday on the Arctic Council and it is linked here the text is below. I can pass this text to Jane and complement it with the message sent to HODs yesterday and what I sent to ACAP this morning. Let me know what you think.

Thanks
Patrick

<https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-on-arctic-council-cooperation-following-russias-invasion-of-ukraine/>

Canada, the Kingdom of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, and the United States condemn Russia's unprovoked invasion of Ukraine and note the grave impediments to international cooperation, including in the Arctic, that Russia's actions have caused.

We remain convinced of the enduring value of the Arctic Council for circumpolar cooperation and reiterate our support for this institution

and its work. We hold a responsibility to the people of the Arctic, including the indigenous peoples, who contribute to and benefit from the important work undertaken in the Council.

The core principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity, based on international law, have long underpinned the work of the Arctic Council, a forum which Russia currently chairs. In light of Russia's flagrant violation of these principles, our representatives will not travel to Russia for meetings of the Arctic Council. Additionally, our states are temporarily pausing participation in all meetings of the Council and its subsidiary bodies, pending consideration of the necessary modalities that can allow us to continue the Council's important work in view of the current circumstances.

Patrick

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